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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICAN CONGEN'S COMMENTS ON MOZAMBIQUE

1. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION SOUTH AFRICAN COLLEAGUE SAYS THAT ON BASIS INFO FROM OFFICIAL AND SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS SOURCES IN MOZAMBIQUE, STORY OF WIRIAMU MASSACRE APPEARS BASED ON PORTUGUESE ARMY'S REMOVAL "SEVERAL MONTHS AGO" OF NATIVE POPULATION FROM WILLIAMO VILLAGE TO PROTECTED HAMLET. SEVERAL OF SOUTH AFRICA'S "ACE REPORTERS" HAVE SCoured THE AREA, COULD FIND NO EVIDENCE ANY MILITARY ACTION HAD TAKEN PLACE, " NOT EVEN ONE EMPTY CARTRIDGE." INTERVIEWS WITH LOCALS INCLUDING FORMER RESIDENTS OF WILLIAMO PRODUCED SIMILAR NEGATIVE RESULTS. HE COMMENTED THAT SINCE WILLIAMO LOCATED IN AREA ALREADY INFESTED WITH FRELIMO GUERRILLAS MONTHS BEFORE ALLEGED MASSACRE OR RELOCATION OF VILLAGERS TOOK PLACE, CANNOT IMAGINE HOW FRELIMO COULD HAVE FAILED TO KNOW ABOUT OR TO HAVE EXPOLITED INCIDENT, HAD IT REALLY HAPPENED.

2. RE OVERALL SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE, HE SAID SAG FRANKLY QUITE WORRIED ABOUT "RAPID" DETERIORATION OF PORTUGUESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECURITY POSITION IN RECENT MONTHS. (IN CONTRAST, HE SAID

SAG HAS NO CONCERNS ABOUT ANGOLA.) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SA
COLLEAGUE LIKE MANY OF HIS COUNTRYMEN OCCASIONALLY IS FAIRLY
CRITICAL OF PORTUGUESE, THESE VIEWS (ATTRIBUTED TO SAG)
MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN USUAL FOR HIM. THEY SEEM TO COINCIDE
IN TENOR WITH THOSE ATTRIBUTED TO PORTUGUESE SOURCE IN
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